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New York Stock Exchange Quotations

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SEPT. 9, 1916

Alb. Chalmers	24
Alb. Chalmers Pfd.	79 1/2
Am. Beet Sugar	91
Am. Car & Fdy.	63 1/2
Am. Can	64 1/2
Am. Hide & Lea. Pfd.	55 1/2
Am. Ice Securities	30
Am. Locomotive	78 1/2
Am. Gulf & W. Indies	105 1/2
Am. Smelt. & Re. Co.	133
Am. Tel. & Tele.	146 1/2
Am. Woolen	34
Am. Writ. Paper Pfd.	39 1/2
Alaska Gold	13 1/2
Atch. T. & S. Fe.	103 1/2
Anacosta Copper	83 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	86 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	190
Bethlehem Steel	70
Butte & Sup.	177
Canadian Pacific	21 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	48 1/2
Calif. Petroleum Pfd.	60 1/2
Can. Leather Co.	92 1/2
Chl. M. & St. Paul	13 1/2
Chl. & Great W.	35
Chl. & Great W. Pfd.	16 1/2
Chl. Rk. Island & Pa.	20 1/2
Chile Copper	55 1/2
Chino	61 1/2
Cheapeake & Ohio	127
Consolidated Gas	51
Col. Fuel & Iron	14 1/2
Corn Products	90 1/2
Corn Products Pfd.	84 1/2
Crucible Steel	57 1/2
Cuban Cane Sugar	45 1/2
Distilleries Securities	35 1/2
Erie	72 1/2
Erie 1st Pfd.	116 1/2
Goodrich Co.	42 1/2
Gr. Northern Pfd.	50 1/2
Gr. Northern Ore	101
Green Cananea	114 1/2
Illinois Central	62 1/2
Ind. Alcohol	43 1/2
Inspiration Copper	16 1/2
International Nickel	122
Interborough Cons.	27 1/2
Inter. Mer. Marine	53 1/2
Inter. Mer. Marine Pfd.	81 1/2
International Paper	29 1/2
Kennecott Cop.	85
Lackawanna Steel	111 1/2
Lehigh Valley	8 1/2
Maxwell Motors	37 1/2
Mex. Petroleum	91 1/2
Missouri Pacific	22 1/2
Missouri Copper	65 1/2
Montana Copper	129 1/2
Nevada Cons.	109 1/2
National Lead Co.	104 1/2
Norfolk & Western	26 1/2
Northern Pacific	55 1/2
N. Y. Central	55 1/2
N. Y. Ont. & West.	25 1/2
Pennsylvania	111 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	61 1/2
Ray Cons.	49
Reading	98
Repub. Iron & Steel	23 1/2
Ry. Steel Spring	124
Southern Pacific	139 1/2
Southern Railway	58 1/2
Studebaker Corp'n	103 1/2
Union Pacific	74 1/2
U. S. Rubber	87 1/2
U. S. Steel	43 1/2
U. S. Smelter	48 1/2
Utah Copper	26 1/2
Virginia Caro Chem.	61 1/2
Wabash Pfd. A.	47 1/2
Wabash Pfd. B.	
Westinghouse Electric	
Willis Overland	

BOSTON STOCKS.
Boston 1:30 p. m. Prices Reported
Over Private Wire of T. L.
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Arizona Cons.	106 1/2
Am. Zinc	39 1/2
Butte & Superior	70 1/2
Cal. & Arizona	79
Cal. & Hecla	40
Centennial	19
Copper Range	62 1/2
Daily West	34
East Butte	17
Granby	17 1/2
Greene Cananea	51
Hancock	81 1/2
Isle Royale	14 1/2
Michigan	29 1/2
Mohawk	91
North Butte	22 1/2
Old Colony	21
Old Dominion	72 1/2
Deocla	80
Pond Creek	14 1/2
Quincy	96
Saint Mary's	78 1/2
Shannon	94
Superior	16 1/2
Superior & Boston	44 1/2
U. S. Smelting	74 1/2
do pfd.	57 1/2

Francis Strong While Marks Decline.

In company with the rise in the rate for Russian exchange, the New York market for francs displayed a noteworthy degree of strength. Checks on Paris bankers, which were quoted at 5.90 francs to the dollar, improved their position so that the rate at one time touched 5.88 1/2, which is the best figure for French exchange in some time. The disposition of the market was to attribute this to the developments by which Roumania has ranked itself with the Allies. It does not escape notice, however, that the factor in question seemed to have no influence upon the position of sterling exchange, which throughout the week has merely remained steady at about 4.75 for sight drafts and 4.78 1/2 for transfers to London by cable. It was also noted that, despite the successful placing of the new \$250,000 loan for the British government in the American market, its agents here continue to receive consignments of gold, \$2,500,000 of the metal having arrived at New York from Canada, making a total of about \$229,500,000 gold re-

ceived from such sources since May 11. German exchange has, however, exhibited decided weakness, cable transfers on Berlin having touched 70 1/2 and sight marks 70, both of which are new low quotations. In this case, also, the new developments in the war are deemed the most probable reasons for the adverse movement.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Sept. 9.—Opening.—Reading and shipping shares led the list to higher levels at today's active opening, the former making the new high quotation for the year of 112 1/2, with gains of 1 to 1 1/2 points in Marine Common and preferred, respectively, while Atlantic Gulf & West Indies made a new record at 79 1/2. Other rails moved forward with Reading, notably Union Pacific, Lehigh Valley, Chesapeake & Ohio and Baltimore & Ohio. Coppers and zinc issues were well represented in the movement and several papers stocks supplemented recent gains, likewise the Mexicans. U. S. Steel and Lackawanna Steel rose substantial fractions.

BUILDING NOTES

Permits for buildings the aggregate cost of which will be \$52,225 were granted last night, by the building commissioners as follows:
Two-family frame house west side of Potter street for Earle C. Martin.
Cellar wall for two-family dwelling south side of Madison terrace for Oscar E. Enslund.
One-story frame store west side of Seaview avenue for Remington-U.M. C. Co.
Three four-family brick buildings north side of Boston avenue for Michael Boone.
Alterations to building east side of 52 1/2 East Main street for Abraham Werahow.
Frame garage west side of Harborview avenue for G. W. Hansen.
Frame addition to house west side of Sherwood avenue for James Conlin.
Two-family house north side of Marion street for Lillie Peayza.
Two-room house north side of Hemlock street for Gabriel Danko.
Alterations to brick building for M. Eliegal north side of Water street.
Frame rear veranda for remodeled building at 445 East Main street for Ben Bernstein.
Two rooms and veranda at 703 Broad street for M. C. Berger.
Private frame garage at 638 Seaview avenue for estate of F. C. Grabber.
Two-story frame house east side of Brooklawn avenue for Joseph Schletting.
One-story building, west side of Bostwick avenue for A. H. Wilson Machinery Co.
One-story brick store and permit to raise two-story house east side of Main street for Michael Corbe.
One story frame shed north side of Connecticut avenue for Bridgeport Chain Co.
Two family brick and frame building east side of Lexington avenue for Henry Lustig.
Idea-Nazionale publishes a list of 40 German-owned hotels in Italy which are described as nests of spies. The Nazionale advocates their immediate suppression.
Within the next few days the President will appoint a new postmaster of the City of New York to succeed Postmaster Morgan, whose commission expired on Dec. 14 last.

POLITICAL NOTICES.

CALL FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

The Democratic Primaries in and for the City of Bridgeport are to be held on the 14th day of September, 1916, between the hours of 5 p. m. and 9 p. m., on said date for the purpose of choosing delegates to the City convention at which convention delegates to the following conventions are to be chosen, to wit: Delegates to the State Convention; the Probate Convention; the Congressional convention and the Representative Convention. Delegate tickets should be published on Sept. 8, 1916.

Signed,
HUGH J. LAVERY,
Town Chairman.

MONROE.

Warning is hereby given to the Democratic voters of the Town of Monroe, that a caucus will be held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday, Sept. 11, 1916, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the several conventions, as follows: viz. State, Congressional, Senatorial and Probate. Also in addition thereto, to nominate town officers for the ensuing year, to be voted for, at the annual town meeting, October 2, 1916, and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Per Order of Town Committee,
F. W. WHEELER, Chairman.
Monroe, Sept. 6, 1916.

STRATFORD

Warning is hereby given to the Democratic voters of the Town of Stratford, that a caucus will be held at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1916, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the several conventions, as follows: viz. State, Congressional and Senatorial, and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Per Order of Town Committee,
E. N. WAKELER, Chairman.
Stratford, Sept. 6, 1916.

UNITED STATES IS PLANNING A GREAT NEW INDUSTRY

The high prices of linen and of the flax fiber from which linen is made has centered attention on the necessity of establishing a real linen industry in this country, the greatest consumer of linen in the world. There seem to be two big problems which must be solved before success is assured. One is to find some artificial method of preparing the flax straw for the spinner, thus relieving the flax grower of this task, and the other is to convince the American public that American-made linen is as good as any other. There are a number of minor problems, and they are all discussed in a report by W. A. Graham Clark just published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce.

The only country in which the production of flax fiber has increased consistently in recent years is Russia, the report states. In the British Isles and in France the production has decreased in spite of efforts to keep the industry growing, and in Austria, Hungary, Belgium, and the Netherlands the industry has not been able to hold its own. The American production has never been of importance. Thanks to liberal government aid and to cheap labor the Russians had gradually been getting a monopoly of the business up to the time the war broke out.

In the United States flax has been raised almost entirely for the seed, which is used to make the well-known linseed oil so necessary for the production of good paints and varnishes. Of some 3,000,000 acres of flax raised in this country in 1915, the Department of Agriculture estimates that only 2,000 acres were devoted to flax for fiber. The bulk of the straw from the seedbearing plants is burned and used for fertilizer. It should be borne in mind, however, that flax growing for seed and flax growing for fiber are separate and distinct industries. Some flax is grown for both seed and fiber, but a decision must be made as to which is to be the more important product, just as the sheep raiser must decide whether mutton or wool is to be the primary consideration.

In Europe the farmer not only raises the flax, but prepares the fiber for the spinner. This preparation requires several processes, one of which, known as "retting," requires considerable cheap labor and much time and is in addition a most disagreeable process for the workmen. The problem in this country is to find some chemical process of retting that can be carried out at a factory and thus allow the farmer to confine his attention to the agricultural end of the industry. This is the only condition on which the American farmer will take to growing flax for the fiber, Mr. Clark thinks. Some progress is already being made in chemical retting and at least two concerns are now buying flax stalks from the growers for further treatment. Chemical processes have been tried before without much success, but one of the new concerns is now selling chemically retted fiber to Europe and the other is making coarse bags for use in clothing and for curtains.

Even if a good all-American linen is produced in this country, however, there still remains the great problem of finding a market for it. That means that time and effort will be required to persuade the consumer to buy the domestic product instead of the imported. Many people invariably choose the imported article when it is displayed alongside of domestic products, almost regardless of quality. The president of a mill now making dyed and bleached dress linens from American flax has found that, small as is his product, there is difficulty in getting the jobbers and department stores to handle it. The tendency is to assume that, even though it is apparently of excellent quality, it cannot equal the old established linens from abroad. There will never be a better time than the present to popularize the domestic product, for the imported article is scarce and high. In normal times our imports of linen goods vary from 25 to 30 million dollars and the demand had been steadily increasing up to the time of the war.

The Bureau's report is entitled "Development of an American Linen Industry." Special Agents Series No. 122, and may be obtained for the nominal price of 5 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., or from the nearest district office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A surprise miscellaneous shower was tendered Miss Minnie Miller, of Sanford avenue at the home of Mr. Morris Miller, 655 Harrah avenue, Wednesday evening. Miss Miller, who is to become the bride of William Walters, a popular fireman, Thursday morning at 8 o'clock at St. Augustine's church, was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts, including cut glass, linen and aluminum.

The evening was pleasantly passed with singing and dancing, the feature being the music by Elmer Moore's orchestra. Vocal selections were rendered by James Saunders, the well-known Irish tenor; Harold Peck, Elmer Moore, Marion and Genevieve Miller. An added feature was the clever buck and wing dancing by Daniel Reardon, Charles Lake and Morris Miller, the Homespun trio.

The house was tastefully decorated in blue and white with hydrangeas in profusion. At a late hour a buffet luncheon was served at which Mrs. Miller was assisted by Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Wahlmaker, the Misses Julia Reardon, Arline Miller and Regina Bale, shortly after midnight the guests departed, wishing the prospective bride and bridegroom much joy and happiness.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck, Mr. and Mrs. John Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wahlmaker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Miller, Mrs. James Donnelly, Mrs. Lyman Miller, Mrs. Frank Ryan, Mrs. Patrick Lennon, the Misses Minnie Miller, Julian and Minnie Reardon, Kathryn and Hannah Murphy, Agnes McKeon, Regina Bale, Jennie DeFarrar, Frances Burlante, Miss Bright, Elizabeth Hall, Arline Miller, Agnes, Sadie and Emma Haines, Ellen Donley, Kathryn Lennon, Kathryn and



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Harry W. Butler, a policeman of Milford, Mass., was shot dead while investigating the cause of revolver shot.

The Italian army, according to an official statement, consumed 700,000,000 litres of wine during the last year.

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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1916

FAILURE to do so will compel the Assessors to make out such list from the best information obtainable, to which a penalty of ten per cent. will be added as by the law required. Each parcel of Real Estate must be described by metes and bounds; by street number or lot number; all buildings thereon must be entered separately from the land.
FAILURE TO FILE A LIST deprives the owner of the right to appeal to the BOARD OF RELIEF.
Hours: 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily, Saturdays 9 A. M. to 12 M.
BOARD OF ASSESSORS.
Bridgeport, Conn., August 26, 1916.
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Treasury Department.

Residents of Bridgeport are liable to a tax at local rates on all taxable notes, bonds, or other evidences of debt owned by them unless the State Tax of four mills on the dollar has been paid to the State Treasurer

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